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E. Mitchell Roob Jr., Secretary

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To:

All Indiana Area Agencies on Aging and all Stakeholders

From:

Stephen A. Smith, Director, Division of Aging

Indiana Family and Social Services Administration

Re:

Medicaid Waiver Slot Expansion for FY 2007

It is my pleasure to announce the addition of 3,500 Aged and Disabled (A&D) Medicaid Waiver slots effective July 1, 2006.

Other initiatives, announced on June 12, 2006, warrant this substantial expansion of the A&D waiver to ensure access to Medicaid Waiver services for our elderly and disabled Hoosiers. This change will serve to make home and community-based services more accessible to eligible individuals.

Individuals may gain access to A&D Waiver services through continued targeting of the waiting list, as well as through the following Priority Criteria:

- Individual on state funded services (e.g., CHOICE)
- Loss of primary caregiver due to death or long-term incapacitation
- Individual transitioning to the community from a nursing facility
- Individual at imminent risk of a direct admission to a nursing facility from inpatient acute care hospitalization.

The above priority criteria slots can be accessed on an as-needed basis. These initiatives will better serve Hoosiers by developing improved access standards and incentives to increase access to home and community-based services for our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your continued efforts to bring these services to those we serve.

Best Regards,

Stephen A. Smith, Director

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